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MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

**NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2015**

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, individuals with substance use disorders die an average of 26 years younger than the general public; and

WHEREAS, of the approximately 23 million Americans who need substance abuse treatment, less than 11 percent receive services, according to the *National Survey on Drug Use and Health (2013)*; and

WHEREAS, we have treatment and recovery programs that are effective and help thousands of Los Angeles County residents, and many more around the nation; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends with substance use disorders to recognize the signs of their addiction, and guide them to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

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WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, the Commission of Alcohol and Other Drugs, the Los Angeles County Recovery Month Planning Partners, along with a network of community based organizations from Los Angeles County invite all residents of Los Angeles County to participate in *National Recovery Month*.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County hereby proclaims the month of September 2015, as "*National Recovery Month*".

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